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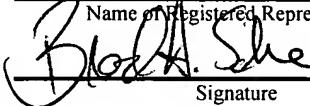
In re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner:
Van Hoeck et al.)	David J. Isabella
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Application of Serial No. 10/775,546)	Group Art Unit 3738
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Filed February 10, 2004)	Ref. No. MSDI-435/PC263.32
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INTERVERTEBRAL SPACERS)	September 6, 2005

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 6, 2005, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12- 2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-57 were pending in the subject application for the non-final Office Action mailed on June 6, 2005. Claims 21-57 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species of the invention. Claims 1-20 have been rejected on various grounds. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.